

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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By: **Senator Green**
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Department of Transportation - Mass Transit - Study of Discounted Fares**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Maryland Department of Transportation to
4 conduct a certain study of the various fare discounts that are available to
5 students and other mass transit riders in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore City
6 and to evaluate the costs and feasibility of providing such discounts to mass
7 transit riders in the Washington Metropolitan area; requiring the Department
8 to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally
9 relating to mass transit fares.

10 WHEREAS, Mass transit systems provide energy-efficient transportation,
11 contribute to a reduction in traffic congestion on the highways, and promote clean air,
12 and it is, therefore, in the best interest of the State to encourage the widespread use
13 of mass transit; and

14 WHEREAS, Various programs currently provide discounted fares to students
15 and other "special-need" individuals who use mass transit in Washington, D.C. and
16 Baltimore City; and

17 WHEREAS, Fares charged for the use of mass transit should be reasonably
18 equitable and designed to encourage, rather than discourage, mass transit use; and

19 WHEREAS, There currently exists a lack of consistency with respect to the fares
20 charged and the discounts available to students and others who seek to use mass
21 transit facilities in different regions of the State; now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That the
23 Maryland Department of Transportation is requested to conduct a study of the
24 various fare discounts that are available to mass transit riders in Washington, D.C.
25 and Baltimore City and to evaluate the costs and feasibility of providing such

1 discounts to mass transit riders throughout the Washington Metropolitan region; and
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That, as part of the study, the Department of Transportation shall
4 consider:

5 (1) Options for providing fare discounts to all student users of mass
6 transit services in the Washington Metropolitan area, including riders of MARC
7 trains, Metrobus and Metrorail, Ride-On buses in Montgomery County, "The Bus" in
8 Prince George's County, and CTC buses serving the City of Laurel and surrounding
9 areas;

10 (2) Expanding into other areas of the State programs such as the Mass
11 Transit Administration's College 33 Pass program, which currently provides
12 discounted fares only to Baltimore area college students; and

13 (3) The feasibility of providing discounted fares for all mass transit
14 riders during off-peak hours and for student riders at all times, including weekends
15 and evenings; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That, on or before December 15, 2000, the Department of
17 Transportation shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with §
18 2-1246 of the State Government Article on the results of the study; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
20 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
21 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
22 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Honorable
23 John D. Porcari, Secretary of Transportation, P.O. Box 8755, Baltimore/Washington
24 International Airport, 21240-0755; and Ronald L. Freeland, Administrator, Mass
25 Transit Administration, 6 St. Paul Street, Second Floor, Baltimore, Maryland,
26 21202-1614.